

HOUSE BILL 2787
By Rinks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1, Chapter 3 and Title 57, Chapters 3 through 5, relative to the age of majority for the transportation, possession or sale of alcoholic beverages.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 1-3-105(1), is amended by deleting the last sentence in its entirety.

Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 1-3-105(1), is further amended by adding the language “, selling, transporting, dispensing” after the word “consuming” in the first and second sentences.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 1-3-113, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) It is unlawful and punishable as provided in Title 57 for a person under twenty-one (21) years of age to purchase, possess, transport, dispense, sell, or consume alcoholic beverages, beer or wine.

(b) The provisions of §39-17-705(1) are unaffected by this section and such provisions shall remain in effect.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-210(h), is amended by deleting wherever it may appear the language “eighteen (18)” and by substituting instead the language “twenty-one (21)”.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-412(a)(3), is amended by deleting subdivision (A) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

It is unlawful for any person under twenty-one (21) years of age to possess or transport any intoxicating liquor for any purpose, whether the same be possessed in a dry or wet county.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-703(3), is amended by deleting wherever it may appear the language "eighteen (18)" and by substituting instead the language "twenty-one (21)".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-704(6), is amended by deleting the language "eighteen (18)" and by substituting instead the language "twenty-one (21)".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-203(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) in its entirety.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-5-301(e), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

It is unlawful for any person under twenty-one (21) years of age to possess or transport beer for any purpose.

SECTION 9. Notwithstanding the provisions of this act to the contrary, any person who is under twenty-one (21) years of age and who, immediately prior to the effective date of this act, lawfully sells, transports, or dispenses alcoholic beverages, wine or beer in the course of his or her employment may continue to sell, transport, or dispense such beverages in the course of his or her employment.

SECTION 10. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect July 1, 1996, the public welfare requiring it.

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